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IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. An identifier indicating the status of each claim is provided.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus, comprising:

first generation means for generating a first image for browsing corresponding to first data;

second generation means for generating a second image for browsing corresponding to second data;

first designation means for designating display positions of the first image and the second image along a virtual line so that the first image overlaps at least a portion of the second image; and

first display control means for displaying the first image and the second image at the display positions designated by the first designation means,

wherein said first display control means controls the display of the first image and the second image such that the first image and the second image are aligned with a set of images in a curve which constitutes a circle, spirally with a set of images in a three-dimensional space or with a set of images in a planar manner.

2. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said first display control means controls the display of the first image and the

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second image such that the first image and the second image are linearly aligned with a set of images.

3-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) An information processing method, comprising:
a first generation step for generating a first image for browsing corresponding to first data;
a second generation step for generating a second image for browsing corresponding to second data;
a first designation step for designating display positions of the first image and the second image along a virtual line so that the first image overlaps at least a portion of the second image; and
a first display control step for displaying the first image and the second image at the display positions designated by the first designation step,
wherein said first display control step controls the display of the first image and the second image such that the first image and the second image are aligned with a set of images in a curve which constitutes a circle, spirally with a set of images in a three-dimensional space or with a set of images in a planar manner.

12-18. (Canceled)

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19. (Currently Amended) A program storage medium for storing a computer-readable program for controlling an information processing apparatus, comprising:

a first generation step for generating a first image for browsing corresponding to first data;

a second generation step for generating a second image for browsing corresponding to second data;

a first designation step for designating display positions of the first image and the second image along a virtual line so that the first image overlaps at least a portion of the second image; and

a first display control step for displaying the first image and the second image at the display positions designated by the first designation step,

wherein said first display control step controls the display of the first image and the second image such that the first image and the second image are aligned with a set of images in a curve which constitutes a circle, spirally with a set of images in a three-dimensional space or with a set of images in a planar manner.

20-22. (Canceled)

23. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

operating means for performing a first operation, a second operation or a third operation based on a user operation;

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selecting means for selecting, in accordance with the first operation or the second operation performed through the operating means, one of the first image and the second image displayed by the first display control means; and

reproduction means for reproducing data corresponding to the one of the first image and the second image selected by selecting means when the third operation has been performed.

24. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 23, further comprising:

second display control means for controlling, in accordance with said first operation or said second operation performed through said operating means, the display of an icon of an application program which uses said content to be reproduced by said reproduction means; and

starting means for starting, if said third operation is performed through said operating means with the display of an icon of a predetermined application program maintained in an active state by said second display control means, said predetermined application program of which display of an icon is maintained in the active state.

25. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 24, wherein, when any display of the icon of said application program is not maintained in the active state by said second display control means and said third operation is performed through operating means, said starting means ends said application program.

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26. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 23, wherein each of said first operation and said second operation is performed by rotating or turning a dial.

27. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 23, wherein said third operation is performed by depressing a dial.

28. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 23, wherein said first operation, said third operation, and said second operation are performed by switches arranged substantially in straight-line.

29. (Previously Presented) The information processing method according to claim 11, further comprising:

an operating step for performing a first operation, a second operation or a third operation based on a user operation;

a selecting step for selecting, in accordance with the first operation or the second operation performed through the operating step, one of the first image and the second image displayed by the first display control step; and

a reproduction step for reproducing data corresponding to the one of the first image and the second image selected by selecting step when the third operation has been performed.

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30. (Previously Presented) The information processing method according to claim 29, wherein each of said first operation and said second operation is performed by rotating or turning a dial.

31. (Previously Presented) The information processing method according to claim 29, wherein said third operation is performed by depressing a dial.

32. (Previously Presented) The information processing method according to claim 29, wherein said first operation, said third operation, and said second operation are performed by switches arranged substantially in straight-line.

33. (Previously Presented) The program storage medium according to claim 19, further comprising:

an operating step for performing a first operation, a second operation or a third operation based on a user operation;

a selecting step for selecting, in accordance with the first operation or the second operation performed through the operating step, one of the first image for browsing and the second image for browsing displayed by the first display control step; and

a reproduction step for reproducing data corresponding to the one of the first image for browsing and the second image for browsing selected by selecting step when the third operation has been performed.

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34. (Previously Presented) The program storage medium according to claim 33, wherein each of said first operation and said second operation is performed by rotating or turning a dial.

35. (Previously Presented) The program storage medium according to claim 33, wherein said third operation is performed by depressing a dial.

36. (Previously Presented) The program storage medium according to claim 33, wherein said first operation, said third operation, and said second operation are performed by switches arranged substantially in a straight-line.